

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: FW: Proposed New Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

The address for Leroy Benson is Fergus Falls, MN 56537
Thank You,
Leroy Benson

From: Celia Benson [mailto:benson.celia@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 05, 2015 11:52 AM
To: SDGFPINFO
Subject: Re: Proposed New Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

I have read your recommendations and agree with most of them. I would suggest you consider that all boats, live wells and bait pails containing water be drained before leaving the public access in all lakes in your State. This would be an important first step in conditioning the residents and the non-residents in the importance of keeping the non-invasive species from your state water.

I hope in your studies you are concerned about user off the States lakes by non-residents. Other states are already infected with this problem and are taking the action that your committee is considering. I am a non-resident fishing person that fishes in S.D. lakes often.

I am from Minnesota and a resident on one of the lake in the state. The State of Minnesota is fighting the same fight to eliminate evasive

species. Minnesota has established these rules and more in hopes of stopping this problem.

Please take measures in combating this problem in all the state water way. Thanks for the good fishing.

Leroy Benson

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Subject: Proposed New Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

From: David Reed [<mailto:dreed@sio.midco.net>]

Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 4:46 PM

To: Ascher, Debra

Subject: Re: Proposed New Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

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From: David Reed [<mailto:dreed@sio.midco.net>]

Sent: Friday, February 20, 2015 5:44 AM

To: SDGFPINFO

Subject: Re: Proposed New Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

I know it will take some getting used to doing , but it is a small price to pay to protect our waters . It would be nice to have more cleaning stations.

Subject:

FW: Proposed Aquatic Nuisance Species

From: Jeff Lage [<mailto:jeff.lage@ymail.com>]

Sent: Monday, February 23, 2015 10:39 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Proposed Aquatic Nuisance Species

I am upset, frustrated as well as cognizant of the issue at hand regarding ANS. I have a lot of questions and comments regarding the ANS issues.

First regarding Angostura Reservoir:

1. The proposed rules in my opinion are a death sentence to fishing and using this body of water. I fish this lake more than any lake in the state. I love walleye fishing but these proposed rules may stop me from fishing this lake. The proposed rules ruins this lake for fishing daily or even multiple day tournament due to the inability to taking bait to and away from the lake even if never hits the water. I transport my bait in a cooler with aerators to keep my bait fresh and in good shape. When I get to the lake I take a scoop of minnows out and place them in my bait well for a day of fishing. At the end of the day I scoop my minnows out and put them back in the cooler for a later day or the next day but leave the lake in between fishing days. Under this new rule not only will the bait in the boat be destroyed but even the bait unused in my cooler are to be destroyed and not removed from the lake property. This is not right and concessions needs to be explored for us fishermen that do the right thing regarding bait. What is the GFP going to do for having a place to put bait since it is not supposed to be released or do we dig holes on the beach and bury it. Or is it ok to release bait in this lake now?.

2. I do not have problem pulling my plug and draining bait wells and live wells and lowering the motor to drain. What is not addressed is how this is going to be monitored at the park exit, what fines are going to be associated to these rules. Does the boat completely need to be dry if so how. The bigger issue is how are the ski boats that have inboard motors and as well as the wake boats that actually pump in water into the boat and use it as ballast. These boats always have water in them unless there is a full flush of the system. Is SDGFP going to purchase and use equipment to do this before you leave the lake? Or wash boats and live-wells, play equipment from the beach, swim suits etc. If bait can't be removed from the water what the difference since these are microscopic organisms. Perhaps boats should be inspected before they enter the lake so the problem does not compound. I know for a fact there is a large house boat on the lake that came from Lake Mead, probably the root of the problem.

3. Is there not natural fish in the lake that eat AIS type species. I cant believe the gizzard shad in the lake don't eat these in the water. What research has been done to see other choices then basically quarantining this lake.

Other Bodies of water besides impounded waters:

1. I really have a problem with the five gallon rules. As stated previously when I carry bait I use a cooler and aerator for my bait filled with clean and treated well or tap water. This cooler contains more than 5 gallons of water is this no longer going to be permitted? Even when I go Creek Chubbing I use this same cooler in the same manner with clean treated water according to this that won't be permitted. There is absolutely no allowance for this and should be revised to allow this process. How does the rule effect bait haulers who basically do the same thing? Silver Shinners are seined out of the Cheyenne River which is below Angostura Reservoir is this now going to be illegal? I don't know if I'm correct but this rule reads that everybody of water is a 5 gallon limit when leaving. Might as well quit using live minnow bait if this is your intent. Also might as well kill tourism while you are at it. So much for carrying bait for a three day fishing trip since you can't have more than 5 gallons of water in a vehicle. This needs to be revised with some common sense.

Until GFP has a plan in writing how they are going to enforce these rules and make common cents rules they should not be implemented. There has not been nearly enough situations looked at to come up with proper rules yet. What about those people who have house or cabins just outside the various parks, lots of problems with these type of people, fine happy GFP officers will have a hay day with these people. If the intent is to sit down the road from the lake and pull vehicles over and fine them, then you are well on your way with what you are currently proposing. I like to think we have a lot of common cents in SD lets use some before just throwing darts and hope we hit the target.

Unhappy Fisherman, Jeff Lage, Rapid City, SD

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Subject:

FW: Proposed changes to rules

From: Keith Bauman [<mailto:keith.bauman@sealedair.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 11:30 AM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Proposed changes to rules

Gentlemen

The biggest concern is wasting live bait. Its very expensive and if you don't keep fresh water on the bait you lose it quickly. I live in Yankton and fish the river and the lake so based on how I read this we would never be able to take bait or fish away from these bodies of water with lake or river water.

So then how do you propose to save the bait. If we use tap water it will kill them especially if it warm from sitting in the truck for hours after you have been fishing. It;s easy to throw your catch on ice to keep it fresh but what about water for the bait - That is a major concern. STUPID PEOPLE WILL DUMP THEIR LEFT OVER BAIT BACK IN THE WATER (MORE PROBLEMS)

I don't see an issue with draining live wells or pulling the plugs before you leave the water = not an issue.

I HAVE ANOTHER QUESTION ON YANKTON - WHERE IS OUR WALLEYE POPULATION IN THE RIVER AND THE LAKE? WHY ARE WE NOT STOCKING?THE RIVER DESTROYED OUR FISHING HERE. I FISHED 13 TIMES BETWEEN MARCH AND DECEMBER AND CAUGHT 2 WALLEYES. I PROBABLY FOUL HOOKED 200 INVASIVE CARP IN THE RIVER WHILE WALLEYE FISHING. I ASK WHY ARE WE NOT DOING SOMETHING WITH ALL THESE INVASIVE CARP. OPEN THE SEASON ON THEM AND LET EVERYONE HAVE AT THEM ANY WAY THEY CAN. PUT A BOUNTY ON THEM AND USE THEM FOR FERTILIZER OR FEED THE NEEDY.

I MOVED BACK HERE TO RETIRE ESPECIALLY BECAUSE OF THE FISHING BUT ITS NO LONGER HERE. I've talked with the local Game Warden and he says neither state Nebraska or South Dakota will spend any money on fishing. He said they spend it all on Paddlefish - now tha'ts stupid 1- 30 day season for a limited number of people.

Thanks,

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Subject: FW: boating, invasive species

From: Beatis [<mailto:beatis@aol.com>]

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Subject: boating, invasive species

I commend you in taking action in this area of concern. I think it is a bit overdue. However, I am confused on how this will work. I am certain you have checked with other states.

I will give you my example of what I do with bait and live fish. My barn is 1 mile from the lake at Angustura. I keep minnows in my bait well all weekend. I place a portable bubbler on them as my boat sits in the garage till the next day. I do not move them from the boat.

My fish sit in my other live well until I get to my lot, I then drain the live well in my gravel and clean the fresh fish. I never leave the lake to go to another body of water with water in my boat. Everything is drained.

I may leave minnow in a tank in my barn but never take them with me to another place.

I am confused with the new proposal and it does not seem practical to dump minnows and water at the ramp when you are not leaving the watershed.

I know this issue will have lots of discussion.

Thanks for your time

Jeff Olson, [Rapid City, SD](#)

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Subject:

FW: NEW RULES CONCERNING ANGUSTORA RESERVOIR

From: Betty Backus [<mailto:backusba@rap.midco.net>]

Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2015 12:33 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: NEW RULES CONCERNING ANGUSTORA RESERVOIR

Dear Commissioners:

I would like to bring to your attention proposed regulations 41:10:04:05 and 41:10:04:06 concerning aquatic invasive species and fish and bait transportation restrictions.

I feel that the GF&P Department has not been totally fair to the public in not giving us a lot more information as to why these proposals are necessary. The Bureau of Reclamation controls Angustora Reservoir. Why were they not mentioned and what part did they play in these restrictions?

As a professional fishing guide for over 25 years, a touring pro for 7 years and founder of the SD Professional Guide and Outfitters Association, no one is more concerned about the resource than I am. I have been subject to draining my live wells when fishing other states, so this is not new and I totally agree. I wish that you commissioners will vote for this, but you must take into consideration the I/O boat owners who cannot drain their motors. Not transporting bait away from the lake concerns me highly. Again, there has been no mention in any press release as to why this is a proposed regulation.

Most fisherman I know buy their bait and carry them to the lake in aeriated bait tanks. If we do not use all of our bait, we want to bring them home in the same tanks and preserve them until the next fishing trip. If you vote to approve this regulation you will see that the general public will not take the time to comply. Some people will throw them on shore or dump them back into the lake, etc. I have researched this item on the internet and cannot find one state that has implemented a similar law.

I urge you as commissioners to vote for the aquatic invasive species part of the law, but unless you have inside information on the reason for the bait transportation regulation, please vote no for that regulation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Subject: FW: new rules

-----Original Message-----

From: Jill B [<mailto:Lbehnke@sbtc.net>]

Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2015 6:40 PM

To: Ascher, Debra

Subject: RE: new rules

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jill B [<mailto:Lbehnke@sbtc.net>]

Sent: Thursday, February 05, 2015 5:25 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: new rules

I think that in order to keep other bodies of water healthy these new rules should be implemented. I personally haven't had a boat out in any waters for a number of years but I think I could have lived with them.

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Subject:

FW: Proposed Changes to Transporting Boats and Fish

From: Jerry Hanten [<mailto:jerryhanten@gmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2015 8:41 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Proposed Changes to Transporting Boats and Fish

I would like to express my concerns regarding the proposed rules in regard to changes to transporting boats and fish from public waters. I feel the proposed rules are fine but they do not address the complete issue. I would like to see mandatory inspections for all boats coming into South Dakota and sticker or decal applied to boat after inspection for a minimal cost. I have observed many out of state boats carrying large amount of weeds attached to the undercarriage of trailers which end up in our lakes, thus carrying the invasive species. The proposed rules you have outlined are great and will help but I do think further steps must be taken to prevent the boats from transporting this invasive species to our South Dakota lakes. I have also observed many cases of people emptying bait buckets into public waters.

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Subject: FW: SDGFP rule making Belle Fourche Reservoir, hearing on 3/5/15

From: Nancy Hilding [<mailto:nhilshat@rapidnet.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2015 12:23 AM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: SDGFP rule making Belle Fourche Reservoir, hearing on 3/5/15

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March 3rd, 2015

SDGFP Commission,

ARSD 41:04:02 Public Water Zoning, Rule Proposal, Commission Hearing on 3/5/15

I support efforts to protect swimmers from adverse effects of motor boats, by designation of "public swimming zone(s)".

Thanks,

Nancy Hilding

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